

PROCTOR HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS OF 1938



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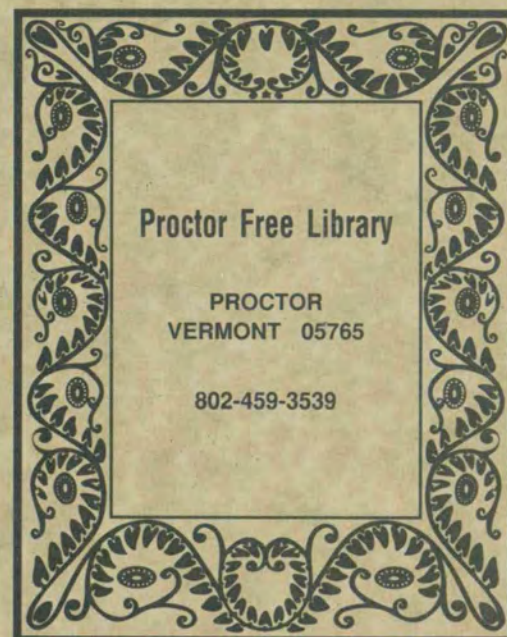
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## Class of 1938 <sup>7/14/88</sup> Holds Reunion

The Proctor High School class of 1938 was reunited for the first time in 50 years at the Rutland Holiday Inn on June 25.

Nametags with their class day pictures identified each of the 25 members and guests attending, and each was given a souvenir book with the biographies of the 39 original members.

After the dinner, the group took a "sentimental journey" through the songs of the 1930s and reviewed the many changes in Proctor since 1938. Returning members noted the many buildings that are now gone, such as the Proctor Hospital, Marble Town Inn, all grade-school buildings, the town hall, the old post office building, the Rutland Railroad station, and especially that the Vermont Marble Co. industry no longer dominates the town and surrounding communities.

President Edward Kynoski then held a class meeting to discuss plans for a joint reunion next June with several other PHS classes and to acknowledge the reunion committee's work.

Norman Pellistri prepared a memorial book of the 13 deceased members; Steve Biro handled the dinner arrangements. Dorothy Townsend Read made a photo display of class pictures; Agnes Guillow Novak and Dean Northrop produced the booklet, and Barbara Broadwell Carrington made the nametags and accompanied the singing.

50th Reunion

Proctor High School

Class of '38

June 25, 1988



Dennison National Co.  
Holyoke, MA 01041

16-910

Made In France



Near the end of our class play  
there was a line that read, "The past  
is past."

At this special gathering on the  
50th anniversary of our graduation,  
for a brief moment the past is present,  
and even those from whom we are parted  
are with us in memory.

To them, in lasting remembrance,  
this book is dedicated.

Proctor High School Class of '38

June 25, 1988

In Memory





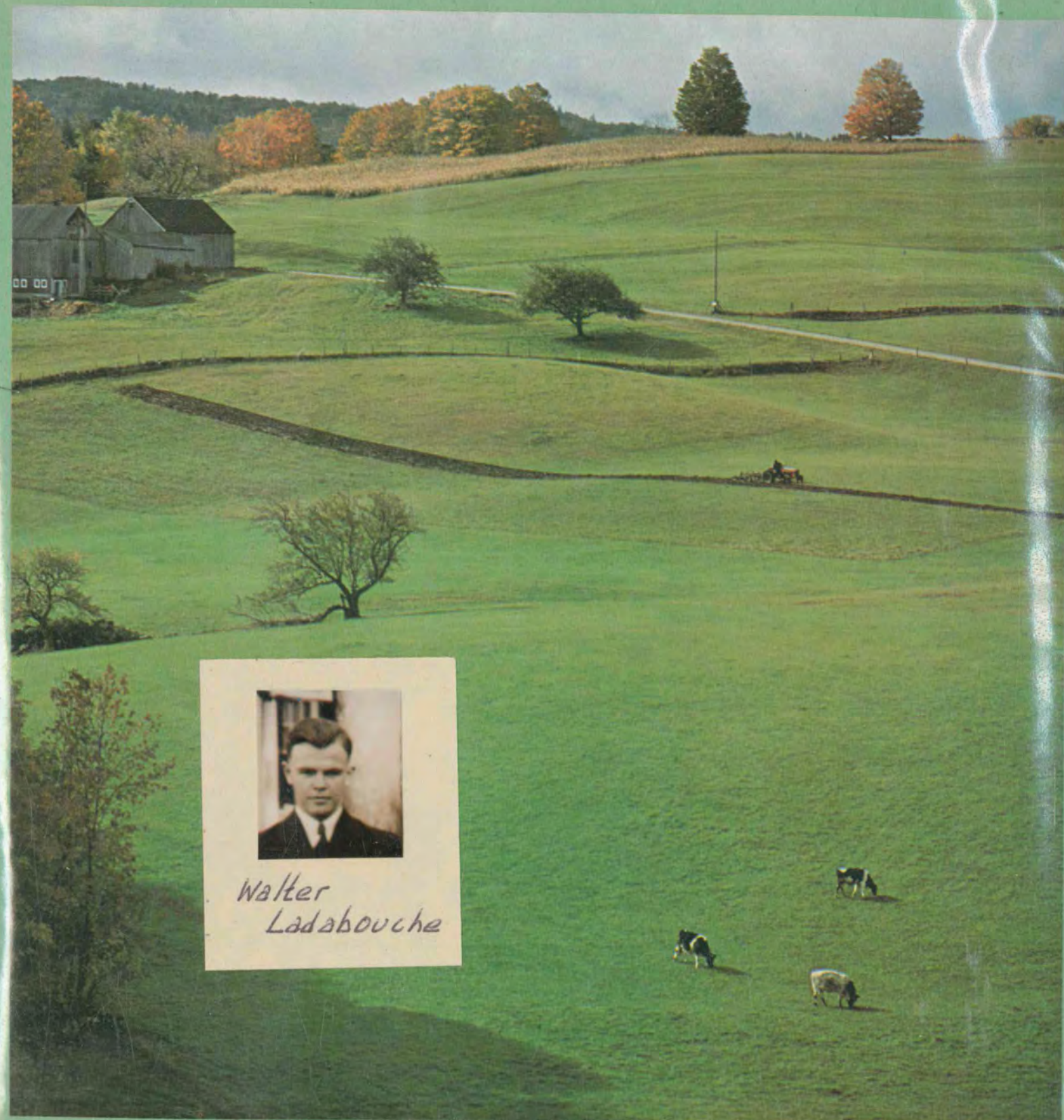
*Felix Shostak*







Robert  
Gray



Walter  
Ladabouche





*Frederick  
Dutelle*



*Mario Gatti*



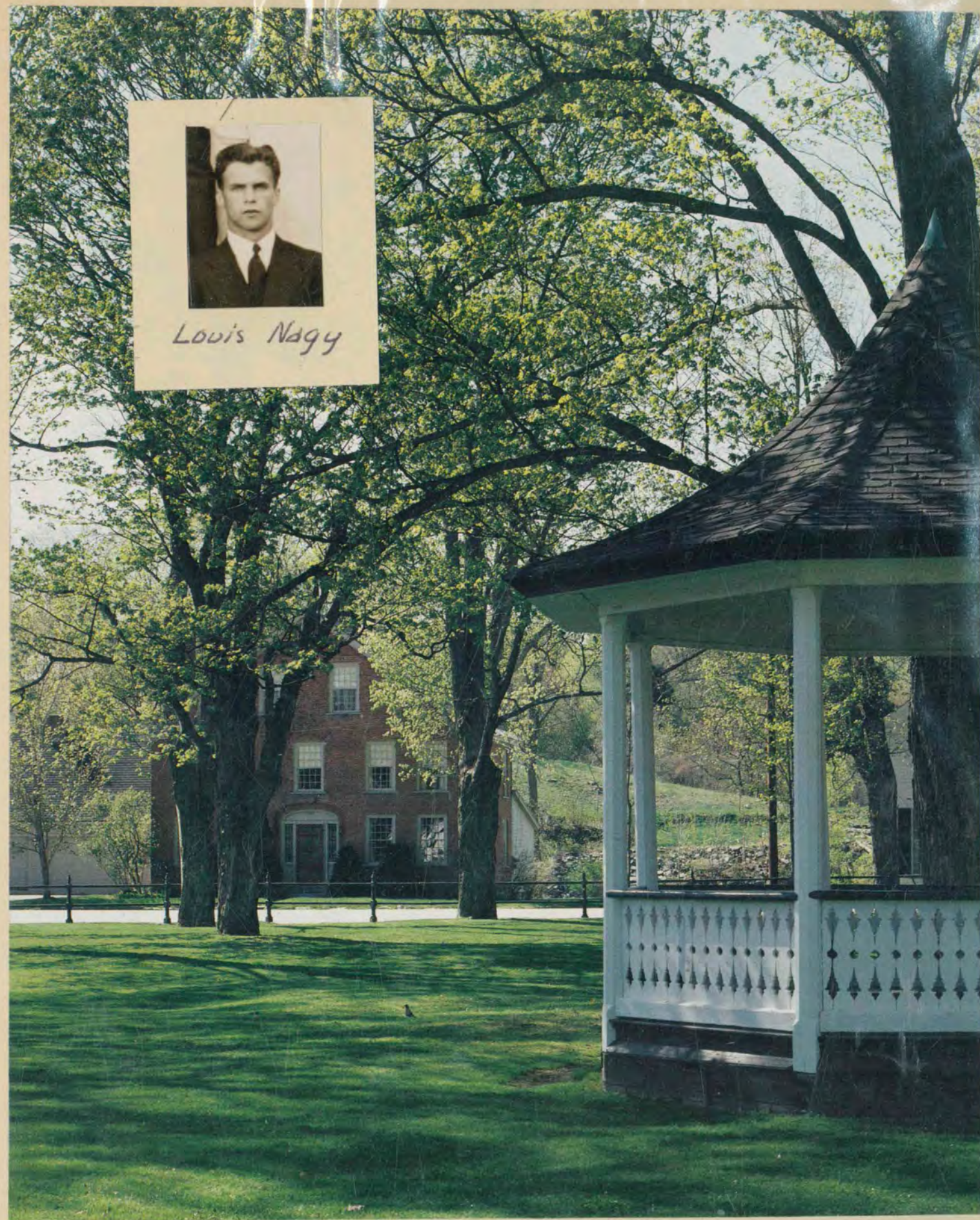




*R. Benjamin  
Westin*



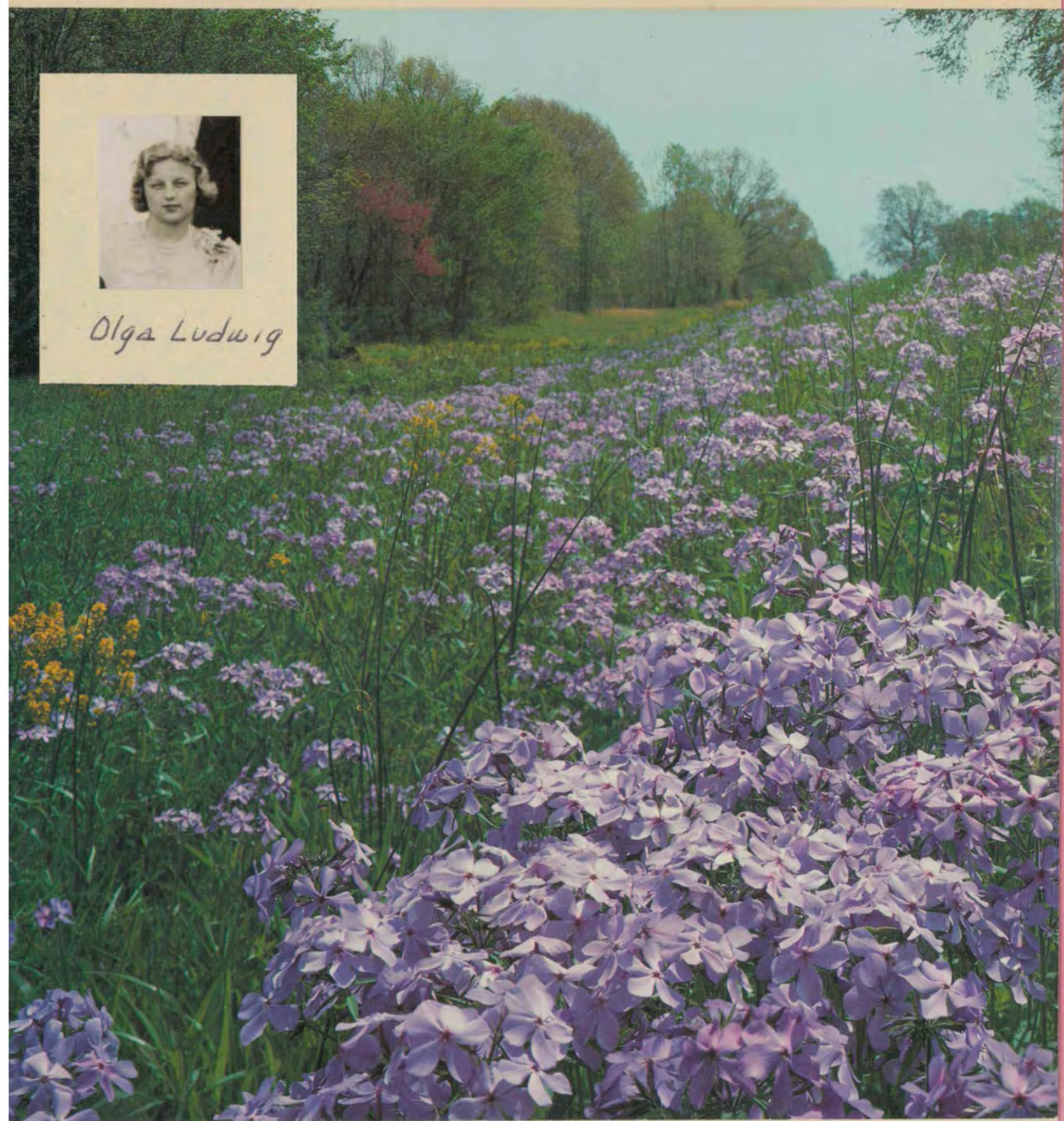
*Louis Nagy*







Olga Ludwig



Beulah  
Kimberly







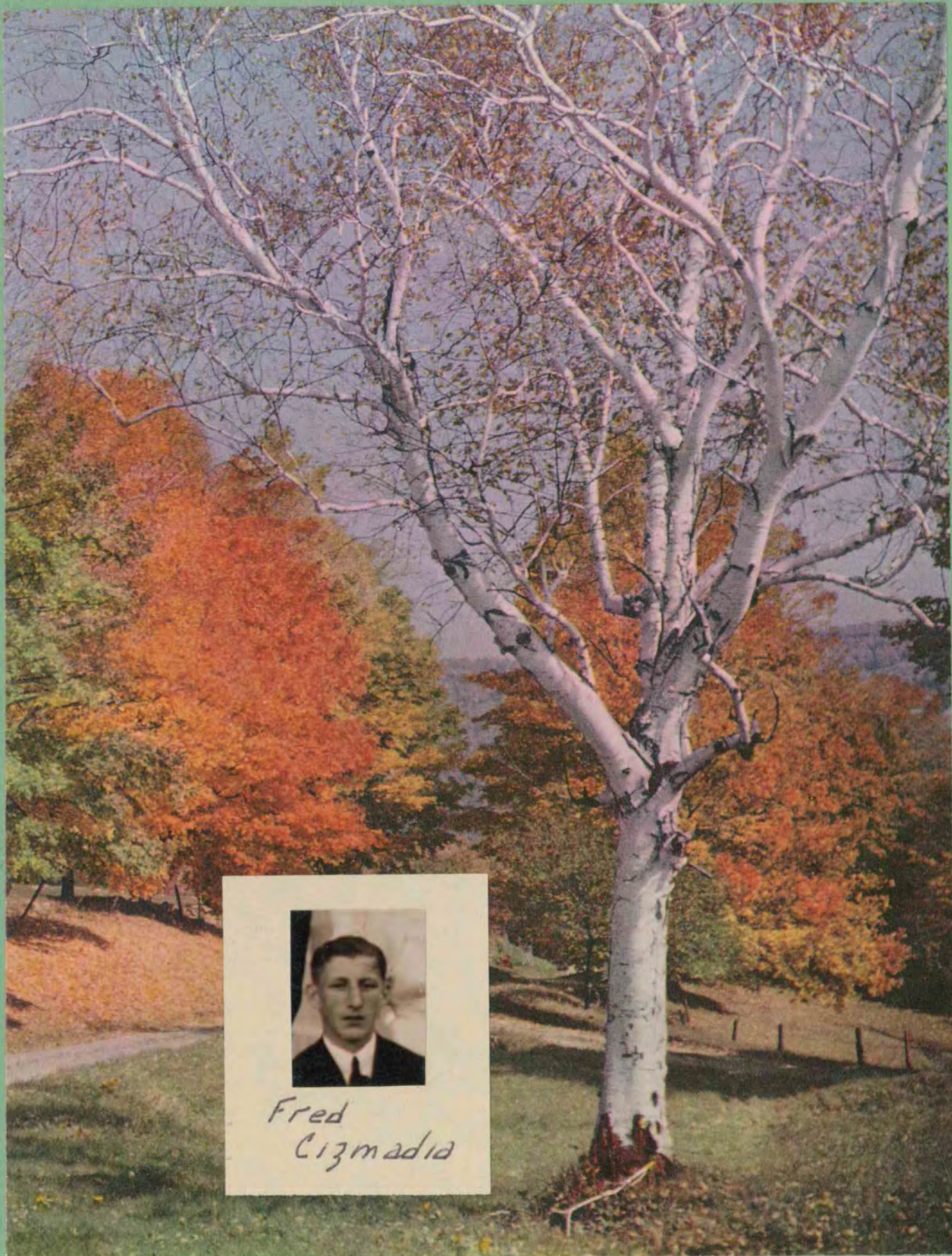
Norma  
Hitchcock



Joseph Lioni







Fred  
Cizmadia



Class Sponsor  
Nina Barber



IN MEMORIAM: 1988\*

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Felix J. Shostak

Occ: Culinary School in Maine  
Birdseye Diner (Castleton Corners), Palms  
Restaurant in Rutland  
W.W. II Gunner in 8th Air Force  
(Killed in action, Normandy invasion, June 12, 1944)

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Robert Henry Gray

Wife: Mary McKerney  
Sons: Robert  
David  
Thomas  
Michael  
Daniel

Service in W.W. II in Europe  
Timekeeper at Vermont Marble Co. for 20 years  
(Died July 17, 1971)

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Walter Bernard Ladabouche

Occ: General Electric  
Company (Rutland)

Wife: Frances Fitzpatric  
Children:  
Judy (Mrs. Raymond  
Mooney)  
Joseph F.  
Walter B. Jr.

(Died September 1, 1971)

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Frederick Charles Dutelle

Occ: Rutland Public Works  
Dept, 35 years

(Died July 29, 1977)

Wife: Arlene Foster  
Child:  
Agnes (Mrs. Peter  
Fiske)

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Mario Alexander Gatti

Wife: Natalie Pellistri  
Children:  
Florence  
Carol Jean  
Mario, Jr.  
Vincent

W.W. II in Navy  
Occ: Sales Representative for Vermont Marble Company  
(Died February 27, 1979)

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\* Listed in order of their passing



R. Benjamin Westin

Wife: Malvina Mitchell  
Children: Alan  
Douglas  
Stuart (died 1973)

B.A. in Civil Engg., Norwich University  
W.W. II First Air Force, Mediterranean Theater  
Central Vermont P.S.C.

(Died April 6, 1982)

Louis C. Nagy

Wife: Charlotte Ross  
Child: Ross L.

Occ: W.W. II U.S. Army  
Newton-Thompson, General Electric (Rutland) and  
Carris Reels

(Died June 9, 1982)

Olga T. Ludwig (Contaldi)

Husband: Louis Contaldi  
Children: Barbara  
Linda

Occ: Pratt and Whitney, N.Y.C.  
(Died March 30, 1983)

Beulah Kimberly (Bizzarro)

Children: Anthony  
Jeanette (Mrs.  
Ronald Hazzeltine)

Occ: Kresge, W.T. Grant, K-Mart  
(Died February 8, 1984)

Norma Hitchcock (Donah)

Children: Sue (Mrs. Albert  
Lulek)

Occ: Vermont Marble Company for 40 years  
(Died June 22, 1986)

Joseph N. Lioni

Wife: Ruth Girard  
Children: Nadine  
Karen  
Abigail

Occ: Pre-Med and College of Medicine, U.V.M.  
Urologist  
From 1946, Army service in Phillipines, Panama, California  
Civilian practice in Texas  
(Died May 4, 1987)

Fred Cismadia

Wife: Verna Lauro  
Child: Brenda

W.W. II Asiatic-Pacific Theatre  
Vermont Marble Company in Indiana, California, Illinois  
(Died January 26, 1988)



Who would have thought...

- ...that basketball would no longer be the be-all and end-all of sports?
- ...that football would be replaced by the then-unknown game of soccer?
- ...that the Central Building (our beloved old firetrap) would disappear?
- ...that a new High School would arise between first and third of the old baseball diamond?
- ...that the eternal stand of tall pines shading the grounds where Class Day exercises were held would give way to chainsaws, bulldozers, and be buried under asphalt?
- ...that we would be able to drive from Proctor to Center Rutland on the level?
- ...that the Vermont Marble Company (Proctor's hub, focus, and reason for being) would be sold to a foreign firm, and that the Sutherland Club would house its new offices?
- ...that the railroad depot (with its fragrant air!) would no longer mark a place of rest for panting, coughing iron monsters?
- ...that this strictly small-town group of kids would go off in all directions and, like Sherwin-Williams paint, cover the world, both in war and peace?
- ...and above all, who would have dreamed that, in the unimaginably distant future, we would be meeting to mark the passage of a half-century since our graduation?

But here you are

so welcome to your 50th reunion!!

(Norman V. Pellistri)

N.V.P.



Class of 1938 Class Reunion: June 25, 1988

Holiday Inn, Rutland, Vermont

Social Hour 5:00 to 6:30

REUNION PROGRAM

Social Hour 5:00 to 6:30

Reunion Dinner 6:30

Moment of Silence: Edward Kynoski, Class President

Grace: Frances Markham

Menu

Fruit Cup au Kirsh  
Baked Stuffed Chicken Breast  
Baked Potato with Sour Cream--Medley of Fresh Vegetables  
Tossed Mixed Green Salad--Hot Baked Breads  
Strawberry Sundae  
Beverages

After Dinner Informal Fun

Visitors Introduced: Edward Kynoski

Songs of the 1930's : James Gianola  
and others leading, Barbara Carrington, Piano

Do You Remember? Memories in Booklet

Name Your Teachers: Review and Rating

Class Meeting to Consider Future Reunion

Singing of Class Song: "Thanks for the Memory"

" Class Dismissed"

Reunion Committee

Phone Calls and Correspondence to Initiate a Reunion: Edward Kynoski  
and Agnes Novak

Dinner Arrangements: Steve Biro

Memorial Book: Norman Pellistri

Picture Display: Dorothy Townsend

Souvenir Book: Agnes Novak and Dean Northrop

Name Tags and Piano: Barbara Carrington

Fred Cizmada

Grace spoken before reunion dinner:

Heavenly Father, thank you for gathering us together after so many years and giving us the opportunity to renew our friendships.

You shape and mold our lives in powerful and gentle ways. Help us to realize our role in your divine plan so that we can be a link in the chain of your masterful design.

Bless in a special way all those who prepared us to live out your divine plan for us.

Today let us enjoy each other as together we share the joys and sorrows of our lives and celebrate your goodness to us over the years past.

With confidence in your continual love for us, we ask you to fill the years ahead with your peace and joy.

Bless us, Oh Lord, for these and thy gifts which we are about to receive from thy bounty, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

(Sister Frances Markham)



DO YOU REMEMBER:

How you felt the first day of school as a "W W I baby boom" first grader?

The 1927 flood, with Meadow Street houses washed away, water up to the roof of the railroad station and to the top of the arches of the Marble Bridge?

The 1929 Wall Street crash, and learning what the word "suicide" meant?

The little Italian organ-grinder who came through town summers with a hat-tipping monkey to earn pennies and nickles?

The transients who came through Proctor selling single apples or pencils just to survive the Depression?

Maple sugar made at the Humphrey Woods sugar-house until it burned down (reputedly by a tramp cooking a stolen chicken against the structure) ?

School picnics on the last day of school, and searching your report card for the welcome "PASS" on it?

Band concerts in the depot park?

Those long walks to a school located on the highest hill in town...and those 104 steps?

The box of ribbon candy and an orange we received at the Town Hall Christmas party to start off our holiday?

The Polish, Italian, French, Swedish and English language versions of Christmas celebrations performed each December in the Town Hall?

The Gregg penmanship alphabets and those math cards bordering the tops of classroom blackboards?

Memorial Day parades with us all carrying flags and reciting "In Flanders Field" ?

Ice wagon deliveries of ice cut from the swimming pool and stored in the nearby icehouse?

The bucket cables running from East Mountain sandpit to the Company shops?

Walking out onto the "Swinging Bridge" over Sutherland Falls?

The Cooperative Store where you could buy just about everything?

Going down the steps for the 5¢ ice cream cone in Negus' drugstore or up to the second floor for a visit to Dr. Somers and the dentist's chair?

Boys collecting running pine on West Mountain, which the girls in Miss Brookes' gym classes made into Christmas wreaths as a money-making project?

And do you remember....

The annual May Day dancing on the school campus with all the girls from gym classes performing (those bloomers!), climaxed with a field full of red-and-white streamers for the "Winding of the Maypoles" ?

The first dive into the town swimming pool that confirmed summer vacation had really begun?

Those Friday Walter Damrosch broadcasts, when the boys had to sit on the auditorium floor and the girls on chairs to absorb "Music Appreciation" ?

School closed for a week of "house quarantine" and the use of the isolation hospital to curb the scarlet fever epidemic?

How you felt as a 14-year old Freshman when you suddenly lost your first name and, for the next four years in Mr. Eldred's class, you became "Miss..." or "Mr....." ?

Mr. Call's use of arithmetic cards to be completed as discipline or punishment for some misdeed?

Star-filled winter nights skating to music at the Legion skating rink?

Biking or walking the circle road down to the "Doubleroads" covered bridge and back to town?

Being football co-champions, and mighty proud of it?

Yelling yourself hoarse at basketball tournaments held in the Rutland Armory?

Spring fever hitting you as you looked out the Study Hall windows into Doc Hack's back yard?

Streamers, and stepladders to decorate the Town Hall for the Prom?

Our Senior play, and the party afterwards in the Hotel Bardwell? (Do you remember the name of the play?)

Your feelings as you marched up the Town Hall aisle to the stage for graduation

FIFTY YEARS AGO last week????



YOUR TEACHERS: HOW MANY CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

)Miss Beatrice Angevine	Grade: 1. Grade One
)Miss Nina Barber	2. Grade Two
)Miss Isabelle Brooks	3. Grade Three
)Miss Sally Bruten	4. Grade Four
)Mr. Eugene Call	5. Grade Five
)Miss Bertha Cary	6. Grade Six
)Miss Colson	7. Grade-school Music
)Mr. Preston Cummings	8. English
)Miss Martha Crowley	9. General Science
)Miss Densmore	10. History
)Mr. Donald Eldred	11. Home Economics
)Miss Pauline Erlandson	12. Math
)Mr. Gerardin	13. Manual Training
)Miss Cynthia Goodsell	14. Music
)Miss Marian Hackett	15. Girls' Phys Ed.
)Miss Hanson	16. Biology
)Mrs. Hortense Hoyt	17. Commercial (Typing, Book-keeping, Shorthand, etc.)
)Miss Anna Hemenway	18. English
)Miss Hope Hubbard	19. French and Latin
)Miss Edith Johnson	20. Math (Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry)
)Miss Mary Kinney	21. Mechanical Drawing
)Mr. Clarence Joy	22. Music
)Miss Cecile Lajoie	23. Phys. Ed. (Girls)
)Mr. Martin Lahtinen	24. Science (Chemistry and Physics)
)Miss Lambert	25. Social Studies
)Miss Grace Leonard	26. Study Hall
)Mr. Thomas Listzwan	27. Superintendent-Principal
)Miss Bessie McDevitt	
)Mr. Purcell	
)Miss Isaranda Sanborn	
)Mr. Philip Sartwell	
)Miss Sherman	
)Miss Evelyn Start	
)Mrs. Anna Taft	
)Mr. Basil Walsh	
)Miss Young	

YOUR RATING SCORE:

- 8 or under: POOR. Get out your bloomers or knickers and return to square marked "Grade One".
- 9--11: FAIR. Are you sure you attended Proctor schools?
- 12--14: ONLY AVERAGE...but bet you can name every one of your grandchildren, great-nephews and nieces!
- 15--17: COMMENDABLE. You may be a Senior Citizen, but you're not over-the-hill-in-a-wheelchair yet!
- 18--20: ABOVE PAR. Wouldn't it be great if certain people in Washington had your memory for details?
- 21--23: SUPERIOR. Do you credit your great memory to Vitamin E, exercise or afternoon naps?
- 24--27: BULLY FOR YOU. How come you weren't Class Valedictorian??

They're gone now...

The Proctor Hospital where you may have been born

The South School building where most of you started the twelve years of schooling

The Central School building you entered as a kid and left as an adolescent

The Proctor Inn where some teachers lived

The Post Office-Drugstore building

The Town Hall where you graduated

The Company whistle at 7, noon, and 4, marking each day for every family in town.

But if you listen carefully, there is much that is still familiar in Proctor. You can still hear

the town clock fifty years later faithfully marking the hours

the church bells each weekday and Sundays

a few Rutland Railroad trains coming through

And underneath, the real heartbeat of Proctor...the subterranean sound of Sutherland Falls

And seasonal sounds...

the robins and wrens announcing spring's renewal

the honking of Canadian geese flying south high over Otter Creek in October

the magic stillness of the first snowfall in Proctor

Our memories and hearts are still here in Proctor

where our family names are cut in stone

and our parents, grandparents and other family members quietly rest

to remind us that within each of us

a little bit of Proctor

forever remains.

(Dean S. Northrop)



Thanks For The Memory (Class of 1938 version)

Thanks for the memory of gum stuck under chairs,  
Of adolescent flairs, vacation times and swinging tunes  
And puppy-love affairs...  
How lovely it was.

Thanks for the memory of hours of work and play,  
Of learning to obey, by sound advice and words concise  
That teachers all convey...  
How helpful it was.

Many's the time that we studied,  
And great was the knowledge we gained,  
But, oh, it was grand while it lasted,  
We did have fun, and now it's done.

So thanks for the memory of learning each new day  
In ev'ry little way that happiness and sweet success  
Comes only through fair play,  
We thank you so much.



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